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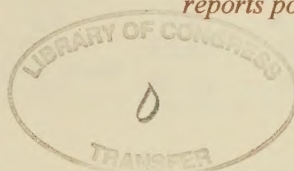
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Survey
Results
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- Cattle on Feed
- Livestock Slaughter
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Dear Cattle Feeders:

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**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance,
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2007-2009**

State	January 1 Number on Feed ¹			December Placements			December Marketings			December Other Disappearance ²		
	2008	2009	<u>2009</u> 2008	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	368	358	97	26	29	112	24	29	121	1	1	100
California	560	490	88	67	59	88	60	60	100	2	4	200
Colorado	1,100	1,000	91	170	150	88	135	155	115	5	5	100
Idaho	235	220	94	39	36	92	42	39	93	2	2	100
Iowa	570	500	88	71	66	93	69	64	93	2	2	100
Kansas	2,480	2,270	92	385	380	99	390	405	104	15	15	100
Nebraska	2,530	2,370	94	355	345	97	335	340	101	10	15	150
New Mexico	160	164	103	26	16	62	13	18	138	2	2	100
Oklahoma	350	335	96	44	49	111	37	46	124	2	3	150
South Dakota	230	220	96	50	38	76	33	37	112	2	1	50
Texas	2,960	2,790	94	380	405	107	420	405	96	10	20	200
Washington	164	157	96	25	28	112	28	38	136	1	2	200
Other States	390	360	92	63	46	73	59	47	80	4	4	100
United States	12,097	11,234	93	1,701	1,647	97	1,645	1,683	102	58	76	131

¹Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

²Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, January 23, 2009

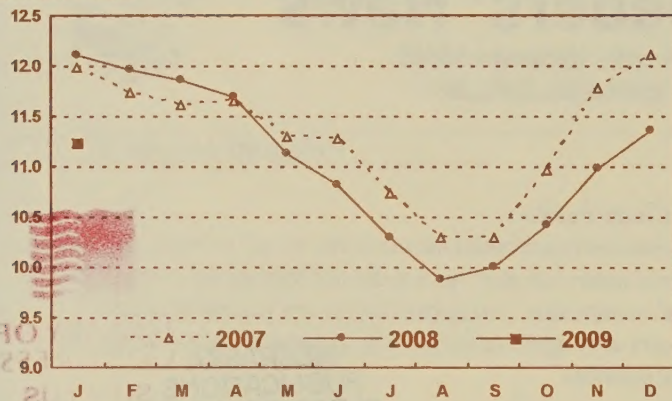
**Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed By Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity
Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States, 2007-2008**

State	During December									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 Head									
Colorado	30	25	55	45	50	40	35	40	170	150
Kansas	80	70	120	120	120	120	65	70	385	380
Nebraska	65	55	100	100	100	100	90	90	355	345
Texas	145	140	125	135	80	90	30	40	380	405
Other States	160	135	105	90	70	57	76	85	411	367
United States	480	425	505	490	420	407	296	325	1,701	1,647

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed January 23, 2009

**United States Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**

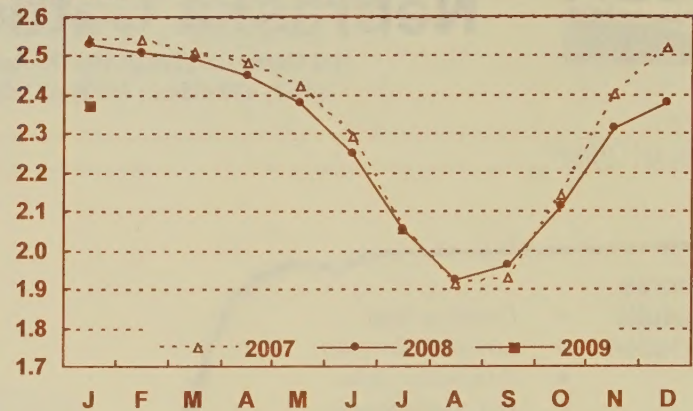
Million Head



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

**Nebraska Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**

Million Head



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States¹

Class	Dec 2007	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Dec 08% of		Jan-Dec ²		
				Dec 2007	Nov 2008	2007	2008	08 as % of 07
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Beef	2,032.7	1,933.1	2,051.3	101	106	26,070.0	26,200.2	100
Veal	10.2	10.9	13.0	128	119	134.3	139.8	104
Pork	1,957.4	1,873.7	2,036.8	104	109	21,768.0	23,170.1	106
Lamb & Mutton	14.5	12.2	14.5	100	119	174.7	165.7	95
Total Red Meat ³	4,014.8	3,830.0	4,115.6	103	107	48,146.9	49,675.8	103

¹Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. ²Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

³Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding. Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter January 23, 2009

Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection: United States

Item	Dec 2007	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan-Dec ¹		Dec 2007	Nov 2008	Dec 2008	Jan-Dec ¹	
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total
Class²										
Cattle										
Steers	1,279	1,137	1,272	17,285	16,949	49.2	45.9	48.5	51.3	50.1
Heifers	799	778	796	10,207	10,091	30.7	31.4	30.4	30.3	29.8
All Cows	483	514	517	5,675	6,161	18.6	20.8	19.7	16.8	18.2
Dairy Cows	205	208	229	2,497	2,591	7.9	8.4	8.7	7.4	7.7
Other Cows	278	306	288	3,178	3,569	10.7	12.4	11.0	9.4	10.6
Bulls & Stags	41	46	38	554	605	1.6	1.9	1.5	1.6	1.8
Total ¹	2,602	2,475	2,623	33,721	33,805	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves & Vealers	60	80	93	745	942	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	9,301	8,970	9,749	104,352	111,460	96.9	97.0	97.0	96.5	96.6
Sows	264	247	271	3,309	3,502	2.8	2.7	2.7	3.1	3.0
Stags & Boars	36	32	33	477	458	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
Total ¹	9,601	*9,250	10,053	108,138	115,420	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	11	9	11	116	122	5.2	4.8	5.2	4.6	5.1
Lambs & Yrlngs	201	171	201	2,413	2,271	94.8	95.2	94.8	95.4	94.9
Total ¹	212	180	213	2,529	2,393	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

*Revised. ¹Total and percentages based on unrounded data. ²Species totals and classification reported by meat inspectors, Inspection Operations, FSIS.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter January 23, 2009

By-Product Value Per 1000 Pound Steer

By-Product	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<i>Dollars per head</i>									
Butt-branded hide	53.82	57.68	55.31	56.63	55.86	54.86	58.49	61.06	53.99
Liver	2.21	2.62	1.96	2.68	1.53	1.39	1.52	1.89	4.04
Tongue	6.14	6.68	7.34	8.44	3.74	3.58	4.13	4.50	5.74
Heart	0.72	1.01	0.79	0.95	1.03	1.37	0.70	.55	1.81
Cheeks	1.61	1.79	1.53	2.02	2.22	2.35	1.99	2.37	2.65
Tripe Sc	1.79	1.38	0.97	1.53	2.00	1.98	1.90	2.26	2.39
Tallow,edible	1.74	2.05	2.23	3.05	2.95	2.86	2.79	4.63	5.75
Tallow, inedible	4.57	5.28	5.94	8.08	7.88	7.69	7.41	12.24	15.05
Meat scraps	2.88	2.73	2.72	3.23	3.08	2.70	2.49	3.73	5.37
Total 9 selected items	75.47	81.21	78.79	86.62	80.29	78.77	81.42	93.24	96.78
Total by-product value	87.97	93.96	91.56	100.70	91.06	89.52	92.17	105.61	109.62

Source: Livestock Marketing Information Center

U.S. Meats Supply and Use

Item	Supply				Use			
	Beginning stocks	Production ¹	Imports	Total supply	Exports	Ending stocks	Consumption	
							Total	Per capita ^{2 3}
Beef				<i>Million pounds⁴</i>				
2007	630	26,523	3,052	30,205	1,434	630	28,141	65.2
2008 Est. Jan.	630	26,661	2,482	29,773	1,875	605	27,293	62.6
2009 Proj. Jan.	605	26,642	2,680	29,927	1,920	595	27,412	62.3
Pork								
2007	514	21,962	968	23,444	3,141	536	19,767	50.8
2008 Est. Jan.	536	23,378	813	24,727	4,769	640	19,318	49.2
2009 Proj. Jan.	640	23,054	850	24,544	4,100	640	19,804	49.9
Total red meat ⁵								
2007	1,166	48,817	4,223	54,206	4,585	1,186	48,436	117.5
2008 Est. Jan.	1,186	50,366	3,477	55,029	6,655	1,274	47,100	113.2
2009 Proj. Jan.	1,274	50,020	3,711	55,005	6,032	1,260	47,713	113.7
Broilers								
2007	732	35,739	61	36,532	5,904	719	29,909	85.0
2008 Est. Jan.	719	36,500	77	37,296	6,731	810	29,755	83.8
2009 Proj. Jan.	810	35,936	80	36,826	6,150	690	29,986	83.7
Turkeys								
2007	218	5,880	10	6,108	547	261	5,300	17.5
2008 Est. Jan.	261	6,170	10	6,440	654	350	5,436	17.8
2009 Proj. Jan.	350	5,990	12	6,352	605	285	5,462	17.7
Total poultry ⁶								
2007	956	42,117	75	43,147	6,618	982	35,548	103.7
2008 Est. Jan.	982	43,231	93	43,305	7,520	1,165	35,620	103.0
2009 Proj. Jan.	1,165	42,451	100	43,716	6,905	979	35,832	102.7
Red meat & poultry								
2007	2,122	90,934	4,298	97,354	11,202	2,168	83,984	221.2
2008 Est. Jan.	2,168	93,597	3,570	99,334	14,175	2,439	82,720	216.3
2009 Proj. Jan.	2,439	92,471	3,811	98,721	12,937	2,239	83,545	216.4

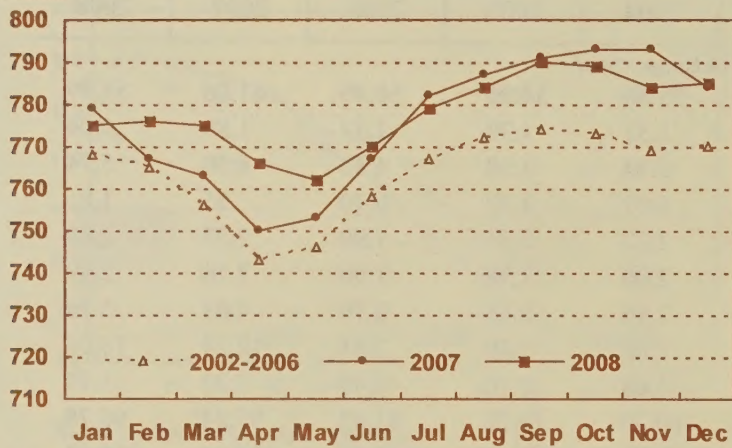
¹Total including farm production for red meats and, for poultry, federally inspected plus non-federally inspected, less condemnations.

²Pounds, retail-weight basis. ³Population source: Dept. of Commerce, Census Bureau. ⁴Carcass weight for red meats and certified ready-to-cook weight for poultry. ⁵Beef, pork, veal, lamb and mutton. ⁶Broilers, turkeys and mature chicken.

Source: USDA, World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates

U.S. Cattle Carcass Weights Federally Inspected

Pounds



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

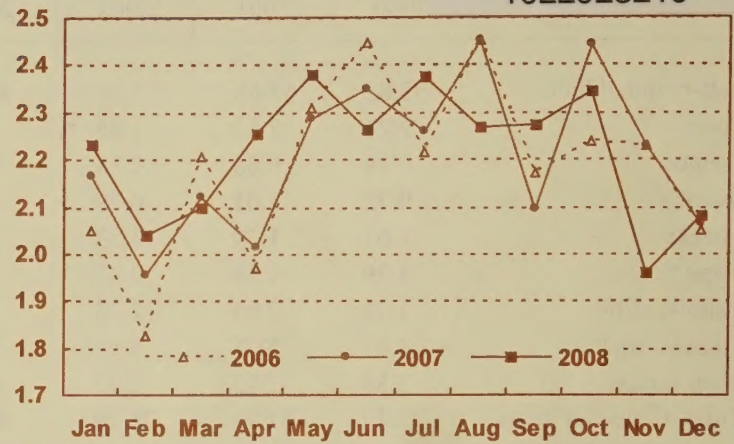
U.S. Commercial Bee

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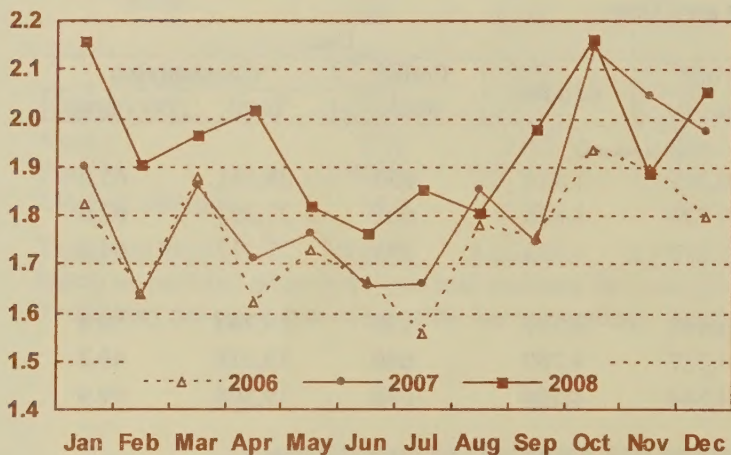
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U.S. Commercial Pork Production

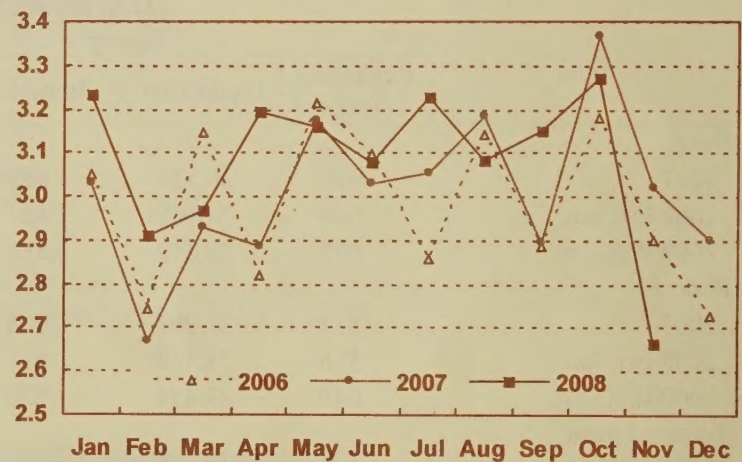
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Million lbs.



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